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Introduced by:
(CE)

AN ACT ESTABLISHING A STATE FILM PERMITTING PROCESS.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective October 1, 2015*) (a) The Department of
2 Economic and Community Development, through its Office of Film,
3 Television and Digital Media, shall serve as a state-wide point of
4 contact for all producers of film, television and digital media
5 productions requesting permission to (1) conduct film production
6 activities on state-owned property, which shall include, but not be
7 limited to, all state roads and highways, railroads and train stations,
8 state forests and parks, airports and seaports, hospitals, and all
9 campuses of the public institutions of higher education in the state;
10 and (2) use any other state-owned real or personal property for such
11 purposes.

12 (b) The Commissioner of Economic and Community Development
13 may issue a state film permit, on a form required by the commissioner,
14 to any person seeking to conduct film production activities on such
15 state-owned property. Such permit shall specify the insurance
16 coverage that the permittee shall be required to obtain, as determined

17 by the commissioner in consultation with the state's Director of
18 Insurance and Risk Management, with the state named as an
19 additional insured. No liability shall accrue to the state or any agency
20 or employee of the state for any injuries or damages to any person or
21 property that may result, either directly or indirectly, from such film
22 production activities of the permittee on such state-owned property.

23 (c) A state film permit shall indicate that the permittee has provided
24 documentation to the Department of Economic and Community
25 Development substantiating the permittee's ability to conduct
26 indemnified film production activities. Any permittee seeking
27 permission to conduct film production activities on property
28 controlled by a state agency, authority or institution shall present such
29 permit to such agency, authority or institution when the permittee
30 requests such permission. The presentment of such permit by a
31 permittee shall not require any state agency, authority or institution to
32 authorize film production activities by the permittee on such property.

33 (d) The Commissioner of Economic and Community Development,
34 pursuant to section 32-1p of the general statutes, shall establish
35 guidelines to be used in working with state agencies, authorities or
36 institutions to implement the provisions of this section. Such
37 guidelines shall include, but not be limited to: (1) An agency contact at
38 the Office of Film, Television and Digital Media for filing permit
39 applications and for obtaining information on permit requirements; (2)
40 identification of the individual or individuals within each respective
41 state agency who shall be a point of contact for an agency permit
42 application; (3) a mandatory preapplication review process to reduce
43 permitting issues or conflicts by providing guidance to applicants on
44 (A) information required for permit approval from the relevant state
45 agencies, authorities or institutions, (B) specifications for desired on-
46 site production and production-related activities, site suitability and
47 limitations, and (C) steps the applicant can take to ensure expeditious
48 permit application; (4) a single, coordinated production activity
49 description form, including an equipment checklist and personnel

50 roster; (5) if required, a permit fee structure.

51 (e) The Office of Film, Television and Digital Media, at the request
52 of the Commissioner of Economic and Community Development, may
53 request the assistance of any other agency, authority or institution of
54 the state to assist in providing information and assistance as may be
55 necessary to expedite its duties and responsibilities under this section.
56 Each officer or employee of such agency, authority or institution of the
57 state shall make reasonable efforts to cooperate with the Office of Film,
58 Television and Digital Media.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	October 1, 2015	New section

Statement of Purpose:

To streamline the permitting process for a film project by making the Department of Economic and Community Development's Office of Television and Digital Media the single state-wide point of contact.

[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]